

City Council Special and Regular Meetings, July 25, 2000

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, 1223 Ralston Avenue

SPECIAL MEETING: Time Certain 6:00 P.M.- 7:15 P.M.

STUDY SESSION

Discussion and direction on Project Status for Belmont Fire Protection District, Redevelopment Agency and City of Belmont. Interim City Manager Lewcock explained that this comprehensive inventory of special projects and their respective status had been determined by the various Department Heads following this criteria: 1). Require a significant amount of staff time; 2). One time project in nature; 3). Directed by Council; 4). Not the routine provision of City services; 5). Mandates approved by the federal or state governments or funding agencies; 6). Major capital improvement projects. He distributed a list of five more projects following adoption of the budget.

Interim City Manager Lewcock explained that this system would gauge the ongoing status of special projects and provide periodic reports to Council. He noted that if the Council decided to start a priority setting system, this would be the end result of that effort. Interim City Manager Lewcock said that this item may need to be continued until August.

In response to C. Warden, City Attorney Savaree stated that she would add the update of the City Codes as a project, to be started later in the year.

Parks and Recreation Director Mittelstadt, Public Works Director Curtis, Interim Community Development Director Macris discussed their department projects and answered Council questions.

In response to C. Rianda, Public Works Director Curtis stated that the sign program could be added as a project.

Interim City Manager Lewcock explained that the Sewer/Storm Drain Repair and Rehabilitation Program had come out of the budget process for Public Works and should be added to the list.

Interim City Manager Lewcock cautioned that if and when Council added projects to this list, they should ask the question, whether it was more important than what was already listed, or what could be dropped to add a project.

Interim Community Development Director Macris noted that staff would add the Five Year Redevelopment Plan update to the project list. She said the current plan needed to be reviewed.

C. Wright said he would be in favor of moving the Block 4 prioritization forward to make decisions on some of the other projects.

Interim Community Development Director Macris stated that she could put together a work plan to fold in some of these projects for prioritization.

Interim City Manager Lewcock stated that the only work that staff had scheduled to be done internally was the work plan for the General Plan. He said the start up time would be after January, 2001. He said he thought it was important to do the Block 4 Bond discussion before any other project was considered.

C. Rianda stated that the Council had never made a policy decision to consider the Block 4 redevelopment before the other projects were prioritized from the Los Constanos 20 year old list.

She said she would like the \$1 million that was set aside during the budget process, to be put on a project development sheet to see how many projects could be completed from that original list of projects. She said she would like the Bond prioritization to move up before she made a decision on the Block 4 project.

Council concurred that they would move the bond priority forward to be in tandem with the Block 4 decision.

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously to recess this Study Session and reconvene during the Regular Council Meeting.

Recess at this time being 7:15 P.M.

Kathy Kern

Belmont City Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING – 9:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Warden, Hahn, Wright, Rianda, Cook

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Lewcock, Assistant to the City Manager Bridges, Public Works Director Curtis, Interim Community Development Director Macris, Finance Director Fil, Police Commander Mattei, Fire Chief Jewel, Parks and Recreation Director Mittelstadt, Technology Specialist Harnish, City Clerk Kern

Others Present: City Treasurer Mason

PUBLIC/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Allen, 907 Alameda, complimented Council on their teamwork. She expressed her concern about the lack of communication to the residents on events that happen in the community. She cited two examples: a walk for cancer that will impact her neighborhood which she had not been advised about; and, the recent sewer work in her neighborhood that continued throughout the night. She said she thought it was the City's responsibility to advise the residents when these things happen in the community.

C. Wright thanked Interim City Manager Lewcock and the staff for the work done on the projects legislative calendar.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Cook announced that in the Closed Session held on May 9, 2000, the Council on a vote of 4-0 (Warden, abs.) authorized settlement of pending litigation with Mrs. Douvikas. The settlement involved payment by the City to Mrs. Douvikas in the amount of \$15,000. This payment resolves all outstanding issues in the litigation

and Mrs. Douvikas was required to sign a General and Special Release in conjunction with this payment. Mrs. Douvikas has executed the release, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk and available for public review.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Mayor Cook announced that 4-L (Sewer Ord.) would be considered off the Consent Calendar. City Attorney Savaree announced that item 4-J (contract with Kleinfelder, Inc. should be adopted with amendments to paragraphs 3, 5, and 14. 4-P. (Bids for the Lodge Bldg, date to open bids should read 8/29).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of meeting minutes: Special and Regular Meetings of 6/27/00 and Special and Regular Meetings of 7/11/00.

Approval of Warrant List Dated: June 29, 2000 in total amount of \$104,900.10 and dated July 7, 2000 in total amount of \$649,553.96.

Written Communication 1). Notice of availability of Utilities Safety Branch's Report on Conductor Spacing Standards, A94-12-005, (PG&E); 2). Applic of airport services of K.K. Thakus DBA American Executive Airport, before the PUC; 3). Comments of PG&E on the draft decision of Assigned Commissioner Bilas and Coordinating Commissioner Wood dated 6/20/00, A.97-12-020,I.97-11-026, A.94-12-005 & I.95-02-015 (U39E); 4). Reply Comments of PG&E, A.97-12-020, I.97-11-026, A.94-12-005 & I.95-02-015 (U39M)(applic to increase rates and charges for electric and gas service effective on 1/1/99)

Motion to approve Claims Management Report.(None)

Motion to waive reading of Ordinances.

Resolution No. 8792 authorizing payment for Change Order No. 70 for an amount not to exceed \$102,299.00 for electrical work at the Belmont and San Carlos Stations, Ralston/Harbor/Holly Grade Separation Project, Phase B, Kiewit Pacific Corp., City Contract No. 330-B.

Resolution No. 8793 authorizing payment for Change Order No. 146 for an amount not to exceed \$1,140,000.00 for additional early project completion bonus, Ralston/Harbor/Holly Grade Separation project, Phase B, Kiewit Pacific Corp., City Contract No. 330-B.

Resolution No. 8794 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Harris and Associates to provide Construction Management Services for an amount Not To Exceed \$381,200, Belmont Police/City Hall Project, City Contract No. 415.

Resolution No. 8795 accepting work, approving contract change order 1 and authorization to issue Notice of Substantial Completion for the design and building of a Wash Rack Building, Metal Building Company, City Contract Number 403.

Resolution No. 8796 approving a Professional Services agreement with Kleinfelder, Inc. in the amount of \$11,700.00 to provide consulting Geotechnical design services for the Water Dog Lake Spillway Outlet Reconstruction Project, City Contract No. 416.

Resolution No. 8797 directing the City Manager to request the South Bayside System Authority to design and construct improvements to increase Belmont's peak wet weather flow capacity rights in the estimated cost of \$419,000.

Resolution No. 8798 approving a Permanent Encroachment Agreement for Construction of a Six Foot High Wood Fence within the Public right-of-way at 1729 Terrace Drive. APN: 044-332-330; M/M O'Hagan.

Resolution No. 8799 authorizing the transfer and use of contingency funds and approving a professional services agreement with Cotton Shires & Associates to provide Geotechnical services for an amount Not to Exceed \$20,000, Belmont Library Project, CC No. 421.

Resolution No. 8800 authorizing the City of Belmont to join the Intergovernmental Employee

Relations Services Joint Powers Authority.

Resolution No. 8801 authorizing advertising for sealed bids for Lodge Building Renovation, City Contract 420.

Resolution No. 8802 adopting the View Preservation Policy.

Consent Calendar approved as amended. Moved by C. Rianda, seconded by C. Hahn, and approved unanimously, by show of hands, with C. Wright abstaining from the minutes of June 27th.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 21, SEWERS, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, OF THE BELMONT MUNICIPAL CODE

C. Rianda explained that no one that she contacted in the community was aware of how this increase would affect their rates, and because of this lack of notification, she would vote against this ordinance.

Mr. Jones, 3627 Hillcrest Drive, said that there were a lot of people in the community on fixed incomes and this increase would affect them. He said that he was having difficulty understanding how this user rate would affect the citizens. He noted that there were going to be more increases when the Water District determined their portion of funding necessary for retrofitting Hetch Hetchy. Mr. Jones said he thought the methodology for the sewer fees should be put to a vote of the people to determine if they want a flat rate or usage based rate.

Mr. McLaughlin, 3313 Plateau Drive, stated he could not understand the reason to change the way the city charges for the sewer water. He said that five years ago the citizens were charged for keeping the bay water clean and were promised more streets sweeping to keep the storm drains cleaner. He said he did not think that this promise had been kept, because some of the streets seemed to be swept less. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he was in favor of a flat fee. He said he agreed with Mr. Jones, that if this increase was substantial, then the citizens should have the right to vote on it.

In response to C. Hahn, Finance Director Fil explained that the consultant had determined that there would be a \$2.4 million short fall for ongoing maintenance and repair needs.

Interim City Manager Lewcock stated that this fee and the methodology would be reviewed by Council every year. He said that most California cities dealt with sewer on a user fee basis and there were some constitutional provisions, going back to Proposition 4, that suggest strongly that municipal utility oriented service be on a cost to service basis.

C. Wright stated that he understood the speakers concerns, but he felt that after being a part of the process, due diligence had been done in this case. He said that the usage tax was a fair tax, and if it needed to be amended later that could be accomplished.

Action: on motion by C. Wright, seconded by C. Cook, and approved 4-1 (Rianda, no.) by show of hands, to adopt:

Ordinance No. 952 revising Chapter 21, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of the Belmont Municipal Code. (2nd reading and adoption)

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of a Resolution approving the Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program for streets within the City of Belmont.

Assistant City Engineer Jones reviewed the Traffic Calming Program that had been developed over the past few months by the Task Force. He explained that one of the objectives of the task force was to encourage the City to undertake a city-wide traffic calming study to determine which streets needed traffic calming, and a budget to implement the program.

Assistant City Engineer Jones explained that traffic calming devices were used to reduce speed, traffic volume and "cut-through" traffic. He noted that the task force suggested that the speed hump policy be revisited to include the new technologies for vertical traffic calming measures.

He said they would be applying for grant funding to do traffic calming in the Hastings Drive and Chula Vista areas.

C. Warden requested that the speed hump program be put on the project list to be revisited in six months.

Mayor Cook requested that the task force members names be included in the final version of the Traffic Calming program.

Action: on motion by C. Rianda, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously, 5-0, by show of hands, to adopt:

Resolution No. 8803 adopting a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program for the Installation of Traffic Calming Measures on Streets within the City of Belmont.

Consideration of Resolution authorizing the submittal of applications to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program funds for the purpose(s) of:

- 1). Belmont Caltrain Station Bicycle Lockers in the amount of \$60,000;**
- 2). Hastings Drive Traffic Calming Measures in the amount of \$140,000 committing the necessary local match for the project in the amount of \$35,000;**
- 3). Chula Vista Drive Traffic Calming measures in the amount of \$170,000, committing the necessary local match for the project in the amount of \$45,000; and authorizing the implementation of same if the application is approved by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.**

Public Works Director Curtis explained that these three projects have been submitted for grant funding.

In response to C. Cook, he explained that the bike lockers program was operated by Caltrain.

Mr. Beitch, 2405 Hastings Drive, President, Western Hills Neighborhood Association, expressed support for the traffic calming program and looked forward to having this implemented on Hastings Drive. He urged support of this application.

Action: on motion by C. Warden, seconded by C. Wright, and approved unanimously, by show of hands, to adopt:

Resolution No. 8804 – authorizing the submittal of applications to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for Transportation Fund for Clean Air Program funds for the purpose(s) of: 1). Belmont Caltrain Station Bicycle Lockers in the amount of \$60,000; 2). Hastings Drive Traffic Calming Measures in the amount of \$140,000 committing the necessary local match for the project in the amount of \$35,000;

3). Chula Vista Drive Traffic Calming measures in the amount of \$170,000, committing the necessary local match for the project in the amount of \$45,000; and authorizing the implementation of same if the application is approved by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors.

Report on Library Bond Issue

Finance Director Fil stated that the Library Task Force had made substantial progress on bringing forward a design for the library and proposal for funding. He said that staff was not recommending that the Council adopt the legislation before them to proceed with an election in November.

Ms. Bissel Chair of the Library Task Force, explained that the poll that had been completed determined that this was not an appropriate time to put this issue on the ballot. She said they would work toward putting it on the ballot in 2001. Ms. Bissel said they would be focusing their efforts on educating the citizens as to the importance of this bond issue over the coming months.

Mr. Senden, The Center for Community Opinion, pollster for the library bond issue, reviewed the results and stated that the material showed that with education, they felt that the 2/3rd's vote could be achieved for the bond issue in a future election.

3. **Action:** on motion by C. Hahn, seconded by C. Warden, and approved unanimously, by show of
4. hands, to deny the Resolution and not introduce the Ordinance.
5. Council concurred to direct staff to work on Alternative 2: to defer election decision, and have staff
6. and the Library Task Force develop a detailed work plan and recommendations regarding all aspects
7. of the bond including an alternative election date.

Reconvene Belmont Fire Protection District and Redevelopment Agency Meetings to continue review on Project Status.

Council concurred to continue this item until a later date to finish discussing the various City Departments project lists.

BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE UPDATES, AND STAFF REPORTS

Direct Access/Highway 101 Update.

Public Works Director reported that Mark Thomas Associates was scheduled to do the plans and specifications for the Direct Access project and a cost sharing agreement with the City of Redwood City would be coming before Council in August.

ADJOURNMENT at this time being 10:30 P.M. this meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Kern

Belmont City Clerk

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